

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

Claims 1-37 (Canceled).

38. (Currently Amended) A method comprising the steps of:
- determining if at least one current rental exists;
 - responsive to determining that at least one current rental does exist, determining whether an active video-on-demand (VOD) session for a first VOD presentation exists;
 - providing a selectable option to view the first VOD presentation responsive to determining that the active VOD session exists;
 - responsive to determining that the at least one current rental exists and ~~no active a~~ previously active VOD session ~~exists~~ has been torn down for the first VOD presentation, determining whether the first VOD presentation has been reactivated;
 - responsive to determining that the first VOD presentation was reactivated, setting up another active VOD session for the first VOD presentation;
 - responsive to establishing another active VOD session for the first VOD presentation,
 - providing a VOD current rental screen having a VOD title of the first VOD presentation,
 - information on the length of time remaining on the VOD title, and information on the rental time duration remaining for viewing the VOD title; and
 - providing a list of selectable VOD titles responsive to determining at least one current rental does not exist.

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39. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising:
- receiving a user input configured to select the selectable option to view the first VOD presentation; and
 - responsive to receiving the user input, providing the first VOD presentation to a user.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 38, further comprising:
receiving a first user input configured to select a VOD title from the list of selectable VOD titles; and
responsive to receiving the first user input, providing a selectable option for renting a second VOD presentation corresponding to the VOD title selected from the list of selectable VOD titles.
41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 40, further comprising:
receiving a second user input configured to select the selectable option for renting the second VOD presentation.
42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 41, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the second user input, determining whether the second VOD presentation is blocked.
43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 42, further comprising:
responsive to determining that the second VOD presentation is blocked, prompting a user to provide a third user input identifying a first access code for unblocking the VOD presentation.
44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 43, further comprising:
receiving the third user input identifying the first access code.
45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 44, further comprising:
responsive to receiving the third user input identifying the first access code, prompting the user to provide a fourth user input identifying a second access code.
46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 45, further comprising:
providing the user with the second VOD presentation responsive to receiving the fourth user input.

47. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the third user input and the fourth user input are each provided via a plurality of key-strokes.
48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the first and second access codes each includes a plurality of characters.
49. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the third user input enables the second VOD presentation to be unblocked.
50. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 46, wherein the fourth user input enables the second VOD presentation to be rented.
- 51-55. (Canceled)
56. (Currently Amended) A digital home communication terminal (DHCT) comprising:
memory; and
program code stored in said memory and configured to enable the DHCT to,
determining if at least one current rental exists,
responsive to determining that at least one current rental does exist, determine
whether an active video-on-demand (VOD) session for a first VOD
presentation exists,
provide a selectable option to view the first VOD presentation responsive to
determining that the active VOD session exists,
responsive to determining that the at least one current rental exists and ~~no active a~~
previously active VOD session ~~exists~~ for the first VOD presentation has
been torn down, determining whether the first VOD presentation has been
reactivated,
responsive to determining that the first VOD presentation was reactivated, setting
up another active VOD session for the first VOD presentation,

responsive to establishing another active VOD session for the first VOD presentation, providing a VOD current rental screen having a VOD title of the first VOD presentation, information on the length of time remaining on the VOD title, and information on the rental time duration remaining for viewing the VOD title, and
provide a list of selectable VOD titles responsive to determining that at least one current rental does not exist.

57. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 56, wherein the program code is further configured to provide the first VOD presentation responsive to user input selecting the selectable option to view the first VOD presentation.

58. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 56, wherein the program code is further configured to provide a second VOD presentation identified in the list of selectable VOD titles responsive to receiving a first user input selecting the second VOD presentation, a second user input identifying a first access code, and a third user input identifying a second access code.

59. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 58, wherein the first access code enables the second VOD presentation to be unblocked.

60. (Previously Presented) The DHCT of claim 58, wherein the second access code enables the second VOD presentation to be rented.

61-69. (Canceled)

70. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, wherein if the another session setup fails, retrying the session setup to active a VOD session for the first VOD presentation at various time intervals.

71. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising:

determining whether multiple current rentals exist; and
setting up a session ~~from the~~ for a most recently viewed current rental ~~to the least recently viewed current rentals.~~

72. (Currently Amended) The DHCT of claim 56, wherein the program code is further configured to retry the active session setup at various time intervals if the another session setup fails.

73. (Currently Amended) The DHCT of claim 56, wherein the program code is further configured to determine whether multiple current rentals exist and set up a session ~~from the~~ for a most recently viewed current rental ~~to the least recently viewed current rentals.~~